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Marshwood Parsonage
Thorncombe. Chard
9. March 1857.

My Lord,
I beg to acknowledge
the receipt of your Lordship's kind
letter which accompanied some
printed circulars relating to the
building of a College in your
distant diocese. These I have
done my best to distribute and
am sure likely to aid the pious
object which they set forth:
and if your Lordship will be
so good as send me some
more before Thursday next



I wish much pleasure
 place them in the hands of
 many clerical neighbours
 whom I expect to meet at a
 consecration next week -
 I have named this undertak-
 -ing of your Lordship to my
 Vicar who like I am sure
 do his best to promote so
 good a cause - And I trust
 my efforts - ^{tho'} weak ~~as~~ they
 must necessarily be from my
 humble position as a layman -
 I hope - may yet be

the doctrine of some substan-
 -tial good - Your Lordships
 own individual exertions which
 I sincerely hope, to fully &
 satisfactorily successful -
 We are both I am thank-
 -ful to say quite well, &
 we can now be sufficiently
 grateful for the great spiritu-
 -al benefit we have each
 received from your Lordships
 benediction on our late
 marriage - My wife
 keeps most affectionately to
 be remembered to Mrs. Clouston
 and I look forward to some

day to introduce her to your
family - I mean while with
kindest regards to your
dearship in which Mrs
Edwards most cordially joins

I am an

Your dearship's obed. Son and

Edw. P. S. I am

J. Hanson
11.1.57

My dear Lord,

I never like to
promise more than I am
able to perform, or to feed
any one with hopes that are
not very likely to be realized.
Besides local claims ^{for} ^{Schools} - I have
two collections before me for
foreign matters, which will
be obstacles to an appeal
for Jamaica during the Spring.
The Queen's Letter for the
Propagation Society must be
responded to before the end
of March; - and the Church

Missionary Society sends
her deputation in a few weeks
afterwards. A collection at
this time comes in regular
course, & cannot be omitted.
It would be vain for me to
conceal from you that there
are causes which will be
likely to operate prejudicially
to any application that may
be made in other pulpits.
At the same time I promise
you, that my effort shall
be wanting on my part
to induce any Clergyman

that I am acquainted with
to grant the use of their
Pulpits to you & collect
Very pleasing Chaplain, Mr
Boone, for the furtherance of
that cause which interests
you so deeply. - My chance
if I could succeed in making
it available, is not, I am
sorry to say, what it was
when your Lordship was here.
The immediate Neighborhood
is woefully debilitated:
& New Churches all around
have cut off the more

respectable supplies that distant
parts once afforded it. —
except on occasions of local
pressure, — such sums as three
or four pounds form the
amount of collections. — Should
your Lordship therefore be wholly
cut off from a chance of
participating in such a good
thing as this — it will not
quite break your heart by
leading you to fear that you
had left a stone unturned —
beneath which lay a sum
which we have added a wing
to your Missionary Collection!

Since writing the foregoing,
I have made it my business
to call upon some Clergymen
most likely to render aid.
One, who is connected with
the Propagation Society, the
moment I mentioned your
Lordships' names, & was about
to offer him one of the College
Papers, interrupted me saying
"I have been written to on the
subject, & know all about it,
& I can do nothing for it:
& then he went on to narrate
all the efforts he had to
make since the Spring of

Summer. — This gentleman's
name is Pollock. Perhaps
he is known to you. — Often
for similar reasons expected
my application. And the fact
is — that, in late years, Societies
& Institutions have so multiplied
in the land generally, & in
this locality particularly, — that
how to support a tithe of them,
we know not. — The people
are wearied out with
appeals: & the interests of
Churches suffer, I am
persuaded, very materially

in consequence of the contin-
uation of them. —
Notwithstanding all this,
if any one is not with
who will lend me their
ears, & your dear wife's Chaplain
their Pulpits, — I will com-
municate with him that
he may, for you, have the
benefit of them. —

Mrs. Austin's amiable
Mother I have neither seen
nor heard of for some years.
I hope she is well. Charles
Mother I have not
directly heard from for some

but it has come to me from
him that he is a thriving
Clergyman in the Fiddlers in
Newan District; and is
beautiful Intoner of the Service
in High Fettle!

Allow me to congratulate your
Lordship upon your escape
at Foulshury! - and trusting
that you may still successfully
avoid all the dangers of
an ultra-Protestant Feeli-
ngs, and with my kindest
regards both to Mrs Austin &
yourself, - your Lordship's very
Faithful Servant,
January 11. 1851. J. Wapell